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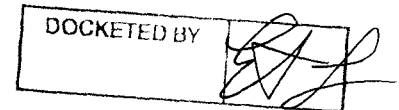
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Dear Chairman Chenal:

The Center for Biological Diversity has engaged with the SunZia Transmission project for several years. We've participated in the NEPA process, submitted comments, attended public hearings, etc. We are a potential party to the consideration by the Arizona Line Siting Committee and the Arizona Corporation Commission of the application by SunZia Transmission, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility, Docket No. L-00000YY-15-0318-00171.

We—and our several thousand members here in the state of Arizona, who share our concerns about this proposal—appreciate the communication we've received on this matter and the opportunity to participate as members of the public. We wish to communicate our support for the efforts of Cascabel Working Group to clarify the matter of representation when intervening in the Line Siting Committee process in particular. We're very concerned that any delay in deciding on this matter will prejudice the process against participation by our organization and others.

The Cascabel Working Group has submitted a letter and a legal memorandum re: Item 31 of your Procedural Order for the SunZia case, re: the issue of whether non-profit conservation organizations can designate a representative to participate in the hearing that is not an attorney. We think that this should be allowed, and indeed it seems that the relevant statutes make this clear.

Moreover, regardless of how this matter is decided, it is imperative that it be decided as promptly as possible, in order to allow the numerous organizations and individuals concerned with this application to make arrangements and participate in the process as fully as they wish. The confusion that currently exists is an untenable situation that has the potential to squelch public participation in this critically important process.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Randy Serraglio
 Southwest Conservation Advocate